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I am unable to attend the meeting tonight but would like to voice my concerns about this CNN aquisition. We have owned our home here in Frankfort, IL for nearly 30 years. Our backyard is about 200 ft. north of "the tracks". When we bought this home we were fully aware of the tracks, trains, noise and odor it represented. Our decision was based on the very good qualities of the Frankfort area that we wished to enjoy. We accepted the problems that came with having freight trains passing through and all the inconveniences that came with it. This was our decision. For several years we had to live with a spur that was added directly behind our home for switching, delivering and idling generally around 2 to 3 am several times a week. This intended aquisition by the CNN goes far beyond the comfort level for any homeowner within such proximity to the tracks.

It is of extreme concern to us that the quality of life in Frankfort and to us as individuals is being threatened by a drastic change in the rail system. It has been noted that 28 or 31 trains will pass through per day. If these are the scheduled trains how many more will be unscheduled? It appears to me that there will be perhaps a few minutes an hour that there may be no train passing by. Extra tonnage, as many as 110 boxcars, surely 3 or 4 engines are needed. Structural damage to our foundations is a certainty. I have counted as many as 119 cars and who answers for that? Limits not adhered to only become important when an ambulance or fire/police protection is waiting at the crossing on a call.

When I first heard of this aquisition and the ensuing meetings "for the citizens" I thought there might be a chance to overcome this problem. As I read more after the first meeting in Frankfort I realize that the attorney seemed to assume the deal will go through it is just a matter of negotiating. The fact is there is NO BENEFIT to Frankfort or any of it's homeowner's or businessowner's. It is not wanted or needed in our community or surrounding communities. That was why we chose to live in the suburbs with the very costly real estate taxes. The only benefit would be to CNN and to those communities that now "live with this problem"

To keep this on one page I will not go into the factors you must surely be aware of: such as increased hazardous materials, increased fuel odors emitted, traffic concerns, increased noise pollution and the big one for us homeowners, property devaluation but property taxes continuing to increase.

Please keep the status quo: **keep frankfort clean, quiet and safe !!!!!!!**

Thankyou for listening but more importantly for doing something to make sure we do not get this rail system in our community. The Village with the 1890's charm.

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